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Dear Parents,

We are preparing to embark on our second year of our winter basketball program. As stated in the Athletic Program Handbook, we have created a program that honors the role of competition, the development of the whole child, and our middle school philosophy. The program balances these goals and allows students the opportunity to take part in a sport that, by its design, limits the number of participants. The new team structure allows all interested students the opportunity to participate in the basketball program.

The following is an outline describing how our boys' and girls' basketball program will operate this year

- Try-outs will take place during the third and fourth week of October at Washburne*
- All our coaches will be Winnetka School professional staff.
- With sufficient enrolment, there will be two teams per gender per grade level.
- Teams will be referred to as "Washburne Green" and "Washburne White." The talent level of the student-athletes will be diversified between each of these teams per grade/gender. The placement of the student-athletes into one of these teams will be at the sole discretion of the coaching staff and athletic administration.
- Each team will be comprised of a Common Squad and a Practice Squad.
- The Common Squad will consist of 11 full-time players.
- The Practice Squad will include all members of the Common Squad as well as four other students who will participate in the interscholastic basketball program, but who will not regularly play in games.
- All players will participate in all practice sessions at Washburne School.
- Each member of the Common Squad will practice, dress, and travel to all games.
- A "Traveling Jersey" roster spot will be a component of each team. The traveling jersey will be worn by one player from the Practice Squad for every game (home and away). This will allow an extra player to dress for each game. The traveling jersey roster spot will be given to a student at the coach's discretion.
- The cost for a student participating on the common squad will be \$455 while the practice squad will be \$170. This fee will help cover the cost of our head coaches, equipment, a Washburne basketball team T-shirt, and the possibility of hiring an assistant coach (depending upon enrolment.)
- Aside from these two aspects of our basketball program, Washburne will now be offering a Saturday intramural basketball program that will begin in early November. This program will be available to **all** Washburne students.
- More information pertaining to our intramural program will be distributed at a later date.

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Try-Out Information

***In order to participate in try-outs, students must have all forms turned in to Mr. Becker. Students who do not have all forms turned in by Friday, October 15th will not be able to participate in our interscholastic basketball program. (Payments will be due following try-out sessions.)**

(All athletic participation forms can be found on Washburne's website at www.winnetka36.org/Washburne/Athletics)

Dates:

8th grade Girls: Wednesday October 20th and Friday October 22nd

8th grade Boys: Thursday October 21st and Friday October 22nd

7th grade Girls: Tuesday October 26th and Wednesday October 27th

7th grade Boys: Thursday October 28th and Friday October 29th

All sessions will run from 3:30-5:30 in the Washburne gyms

Parent Meeting

There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday, October 6th, 2010 in Washburne center gym at 6:30. It is very important to have one parent to attend this informational meeting. We will discuss school policies, team selection process, fees, and any other questions that pertain to our basketball program.

If you have any questions, please email Andy Becker at andybecker@winnetka36.org.

Sincerely,

Andy Becker, Athletic Director

Cathy Rosen, Principal

Steve Schacherer, Assistant Principal